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SUBJECT: U.S. BASE RIGHTS IN PHILIPPINES AND QUID PRO QUO

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REF: MANILA A-50, FEBRUARY 12, 1975

1. EMBASSY WISHES CALL ATTENTION TO REFERENCE WHICH IS
AIRGRAM ENTITLED: "HOW MUCH RENT WOULD THE GOP BE LIKELY
TO ASK AS K AS QUID PRO QUO FOR U.S. BASE RIGHTS IN THE
PHILIPPINES."

2. SUMMARY OF AIRGRAM FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

BOTH THE U.S. AND PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENTS HAVE
AVOIDED PUBLIC LINKAGE OF U.S. BASE RIGHTS TO THE PROVISION
OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE, TO DATE. HOWEVER, THERE IS
A QUIET, ACKNOWLEDGED, IMPLICIT LINKAGE. SHOULD THE U.S.
CONGRESS TERMINATE GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE, IT WILL
PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO WORK OUT WITH THE PHILIPPINES
A POST-MAP QUID PRO QUO ARRANGEMENT TO ALLOW CONTINUED
U.S. ACCESS TO BASE RIGHTS--IF, AS SEEMS EVIDENT, OUR

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NATIONAL STRATEGY WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE U.S. BASING

IN THE PHILIPPINES. THE PHILIPPINES IS ALREADY CON-
SIDERING "RENT" ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON U.S. SUPPORT OF
A MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES.
THE COUNTRY TEAM HAS SUBJECTED AN IDEALIZED PHILIPPINE
LISTING OF MODERNIZATION REQUIREMENTS TO AUSTERE
ANALYSIS AND A U.S.-VETTED PLAN COSTING \$361 MILLION
HAS BEEN PRODUCED. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITIES
THAT THE USE OF FMS AND EDA IN THE PLAN MIGHT REDUCE
THE FIGURE TO AS LITTLE AS \$300 MILLION, I.E., \$60 MILLION

PER YEAR IN THE FIVE YEAR TIME FRAME OR \$30 MILLION IN
THE 10 YEAR SPREAD.

END QUOTE.
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